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SEED CROP INSURANCE SCHEME
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have launched a pilot scheme on seed crop insurance to facilitate growth of seed industry;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of crops covered under the scheme; and

(d) the amount insured for each crop, and the number of farmers covered thereunder, State- wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The Government have launched a pilot scheme on Seed Crop Insurance in Rabi 1999-2000 with the following objectives:

- to provide financial security and income stability to the Breeder/Seed grower in the event of failure of seed crop;

- to strengthen confidence in the existing seed breeder/grower and encourage new breeders/growers to undertake seed production programme of newly released hybrid/improved varieties;

- to provide stability to the infrastructure established by the State owned Seed Corporations/State Farms; and

- to give a boost to the Modern Seed Industry and bring it under scientific arrangement principles.

The scheme is implemented by the General Insurance Corporation of India.

(c): Seed Crop of Paddy, Wheat, Bajra, Jowar, Maize, Arhar, Gram, Groundnut, Soyabean,Sunflower and Cotton are covered under the scheme.

(d): The details of sum insured for each crop and number of farmers covered thereunder, State-wise is enclosed in Annexure.

Annexure

State-wise/Crop-wise number of farmers covered and details of sum insured under pilot scheme on Seed Crop Insurance

RABI 1999-2000

State Crop Number of Farmers Sum insured (Rs.)

Haryana Gram 13 1171440
Karnataka Sun-Flower 2 96000
Orissa Paddy 27+2 Farm 671364
Rajasthan Gram Farm only 4449875
Uttar Pradesh Wheat 242 7300000

Total 274+Govt. Farms 13688679

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State Crop Number of Farmers Sum insured (Rs.)

Orissa Paddy 76+Govt. Farm 2655288
Gujarat Groundnut 17 1724526

Total 93+Govt. Farm 4379814

RABI 2000-2001

State Crop Number of Farmers Sum insured (Rs.)

Karnataka Jowar-Hybrid 15 469050

Total 15 469050